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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/639/Add.2)]

51/12. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Having considered also the report of the Board of Auditors[4] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[5]

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[1] Consequently, resolution 51/12, in section VI of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/51/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 51/12 A.

[2] A/51/701.

[3] A/51/872.

[4] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/51/5), vol. II, sect. II.

[5] A/51/432, annex.

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Recalling Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the ceasefire,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended and expanded its mandate,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 981 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, to be known as UNCRO,

Recalling Security Council resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1025 (1995) of 30 November 1995, in which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia on 15 January 1996,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1031 (1995) of 15 December 1995, in which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force on the date on which the Secretary-General reported that the transfer of authority from the United Nations Protection Force to the Implementation Force had taken place,

Recalling the letter dated 1 February 1996 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General[6] informing him of the Council's concurrence in principle that the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force should become an independent mission,

Recalling also its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 51/457 of 18 December 1996,

Reaffirming that the costs of the combined Forces are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the combined Forces, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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[6] S/1996/76; see Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1996.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the combined Forces by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the combined Forces with the necessary financial resources to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the combined Forces as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 732 million United States dollars, representing 15 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the United Nations Protection Force to the period ending 31 March 1996, notes that some 36 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the combined Forces in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Endorses also the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors[4] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[5]

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the combined Forces are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate the amount of 240,562,100 dollars gross (236,351,600 dollars net) for the combined Forces for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996, taking into account the amount of 100 million dollars gross (98,430,700 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision 50/410 B of 23 December 1995, the amount of 50 million dollars gross (49,215,350 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1996 and the amount of 90,562,100 dollars gross (88,705,550 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its resolution 50/235 of 7 June 1996 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 89,484,800 dollars gross (87,915,500 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/410 B, to apportion the additional amount of 151,077,300 dollars gross (148,436,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions

48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 2,641,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

11. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the combined Forces, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 87,793,328 dollars gross (92,251,479 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1996;

12. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the combined Forces, their share of the unencumbered balance of 87,793,328 dollars gross (92,251,479 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. Decides further to appropriate the amount of 50,247,200 dollars gross (46,951,000 dollars net) for the liquidation of the combined Forces and common support for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 1,193,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, consisting of the amount of 18,693,450 dollars gross (17,361,600 dollars net) already authorized by the Assembly in its resolution 50/235 for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1996, the amount of 6,231,150 dollars gross (5,787,200 dollars net) already authorized by the Assembly in its decision 50/410 C of 17 September 1996 for the period from 1 to 31 October 1996, the amount of 12,462,300 dollars gross (11,574,400 dollars net) already authorized by the Assembly in its resolution 51/12 A of 4 November 1996 for the period from 1 November to 31 December 1996 and the amount of 12,860,300 dollars gross (12,227,800 dollars net) already authorized by the Assembly in its decision 51/457 for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

14. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 50,247,200 dollars gross (46,951,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B and its decision 50/471 A;

15. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,296,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

16. Decides further to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters".

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